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Casualty Rate Shows Steady Pace of War

SAIGON, Jan. 30 (AP)—Despite the continuing lull in major ground fighting, the steady pace of the Vietnam war reflected in casualty figures announced today which showed that 2804 men—Allied and Communist—were killed in action last week.

While there has been no sustained, large-scale fighting since last fall, U.S. officers attribute the continuing weekly tolls to hundreds of small clashes, shelling by both sides and Allied air strikes.

Thousands of U.S. and government troops carry out daily operations in search of the elusive enemy. Pushes also are being made into areas long held by the Vietcong, and in these, even when no opposition is encountered, there are casualties from mines and booby traps.

Today's report raised the total count of Americans killed in action in Vietnam to 31,181 Jan. 1, 1961. The total wounded for that period stands at 196,825, and another 1256 Americans are listed as missing or captured.

The U.S. Command's count of enemy killed in the eight years of war is 438,937.

Following are Allied and Communist casualties for the last two reporting periods, as released by the Allied command:

	DEAD		WOUNDED	
	1/25	1/18	1/25	1/18
U.S.	190	196	1224	1277
S. Vietnamese	264	292	951	943
Communist	2350	2451#	—	—

#Revised upward. —Not compiled.